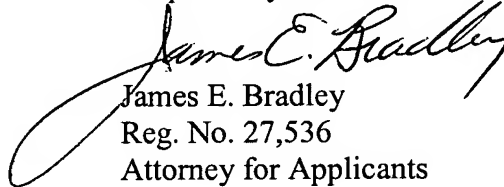


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-10. Applicants have canceled the withdrawn claims 11-17. In regard to the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 6, 2004, Applicants filed a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement December 31, 2004. That document does contain a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e). Applicants therefore request the examiner to consider the references submitted with the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants submit that no fee is required for the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, but if any fees are required, please charge them to the Deposit Account of Vetco Gray Inc. 22-0279.

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